

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2003
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 with Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman Goins was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the October 7, 2003 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges said the date was incorrect and should not read the 8th, but October 7. McGowan made a motion to accept the minutes as presented with the date correction. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Attended a meeting of the Rush County Drainage Board. Fred Wilson has failed to comply with their order to install a 15" drain from the North end of Wilson Estates along the west boundary of the property and connect to our storm sewer on 11th Street. It was voted to have the drain installed and file a lien against Wilson's taxes.
- Was notified this week that Mr. Wilson has filed for protection under bankruptcy. We will need to have an executive session to discuss the matter.
- Last weekend we had a promotion for "Avon Breast Cancer Awareness Day" in Rushville. Avon and the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Center sponsored this event. Rushville was selected as one of 35 cities nationwide to participate. Two trees have been planted in Wilkie Park to commemorate the event. Members of the Wilkie family, from New York, who were visiting Mrs. Wilkie, participated in the celebration and the tree planting ceremony.
- Next month is a complicated month as far as City Council meetings. Bridges suggested that we just hold one meeting on the 3^d Tuesday. Council agreed and also said that if an extra meeting became necessary that we could call a special meeting.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

Copley asked Council to sign last month's docket that was approved at the last meeting, but did not get back to her.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – The Board of Works accepted a quote from Quality Heating in the amount of \$1,510.00.

Park – Mathews reminded everyone of the Halloween Parade.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

Councilman Sheehan said he has received complaints about the *Extra* Newspaper and believes they are close to get results. The Mayor said they could tell people to call his office.

Also Sheehan said he had a complaint of a racing trailer parked on Park View Drive. Newhouse said he believed that was addressed in the new codebook.

Councilman Byrne said he had a complaint of the birds on North Arthur Street. He said he knew this was a tough problem to deal with. Bridges said he had a number for the wildlife nuisance hotline that would give tips to help with the bird problem.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Public Hearing Amendment to Subdivision Ordinance – Bill Todd gave a brief review as to what the amendment consisted of and was willing to answer any questions the public may have. There being no comments from the public, Sheehan made a motion to close the public hearing. McGowan seconded the motion. The public hearing was declared closed. Sheehan made a motion to approve the amendment to the subdivision ordinance. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve Final Draft of Comprehensive Plan – Byrne made a motion to approve the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pavey made a motion to start the process to make the City's Comprehensive Plan a part of the County's Plan. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Approve Utility Budget – Mark Thompson was present to answer any questions. He said that the budget was \$22,000.00 less than last year's budget. Their profit was up \$29,000.00, and EMC's fee was down \$65,000.00. McGowan made a motion to approve the 2004 Utility Budget. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bridges congratulated the Utilities on getting a good rating from IDEM.

Claims – Byrne made a motion to approve the claims with one additional claim in the amount of \$6,250.00. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER